



# Goosehill Primary School

Weekly Notes- May 19, 2017



Dear Parents,

In our classrooms, we see the importance of a strong vocabulary and the impact it can have on a student’s success in school. We know that when a young reader knows the meaning of a word, it can help him/her decode it more quickly. A strong vocabulary also helps a child express his/her ideas more readily when writing and speaking. We also see how a strong vocabulary helps children as they listen for information and instructions. They are better able to visualize what they are hearing and learning. Our teachers emphasize new vocabulary throughout the day, especially when reading stories and informational books to their students.

**There are many ways parents can support their children’s vocabulary growth:**

**READ ALOUD** Studies show that children learn many words from books read aloud to them. Reading *stories* is important, but it is also important to read *nonfiction/information books* to children. Research shows that parents tend to highlight vocabulary more when reading information books to their children than when reading stories to them.

**GET THEM READING** Children learn many new words through reading independently. Researchers estimate that 5–15% of all the words we learn, we learn from reading. Children who read more tend to have richer vocabularies.

**ENGAGE CHILDREN IN RICH ORAL LANGUAGE** Children also learn words through conversation. One study showed that young children whose parents use rich vocabulary at the dinner table had better vocabularies and were stronger readers than those who didn’t. Try using “*unique*” instead of “*cool*,” “*peculiar*” instead of “*strange*,” or “*nuisance*” instead of “*pain*.” You’ll begin to notice that your children pick up and use the words *you* use!



**RAISE WORD CONSCIOUSNESS** Help your children notice when they encounter new words and celebrate when they use them!

Although it may not seem so at times, your child is listening to you all the time! You can capitalize on that fact by using vocabulary you want your child to learn and use. Remember, you are your child’s *first* and *best* teacher.

Warm regards,

Mrs. Herschlein



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